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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ON VOA CORRESPONDENT'S VISIT

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1. ACCORDING WASH POST MOSCOW BUREAU CHIEF KEVIN KLOSE, WP HAS STORY OF, IN HIS WORDS, "DUSTUP" BETWEEN VOA CORRESPONDENT MARK HOPKINS AND P&C COUNSELOR ON SUBJECT FORMER'S VISITING SAKHAROV.
2. DISCUSSION BETWEEN HOPKINS AND COUNSELOR REPORTED REFTEL.
3. COUNSELOR TOLD KLOSE THAT THERE WAS NO "DUSTUP", NEVER WAS AND NEVER WOULD BE BETWEEN TWO MEN INVOLVED. HOPKINS HAD INQUIRED WHETHER GROUND RULES WHICH HAD CONTROLLED CONTACTS OF USG PERSONNEL ASSIGNED IN MOSCOW HAD CHANGED. AS THEY WERE EXPLAINED, HE SAW THAT THEY HAD NOT.
4. KLOSE HAS BEEN AWARE THAT USG PERSONNEL IN MOSCOW DO NOT VISIT SAKHAROV AND WAS TOLD THAT THIS CONSTRAINT
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HAD BOUND HOPKINS IN HIS PAST MANY VISITS TO USSR AND DID SO THIS TIME AS WELL.

5. HOPKINS DEPARTED MOSCOW THIS AFTERNOON ON AUSTRIAN AIR FLIGHT TO VIENNA. TOON

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